

**CALFRESH REQUEST FOR POLICY INTERPRETATION****PI# 18-04**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete items 1 - 10 on the form. Use a separate form for each policy interpretation request. If additional space is needed, please use the second page. Retain a copy for your records and submit via email to CalFresh-PI@dss.ca.gov.

**Please note:** the policy interpretation provided is based on the unique set of facts presented and should not be assumed to apply in all scenarios.

1. RESPONSE NEEDED DUE TO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy/Regulation Interpretation <input type="checkbox"/> QC <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		5. DATE OF REQUEST: <b>01/02/2018</b>	NEED RESPONSE BY: <b>01/09/2018</b>
2. REQUESTOR NAME:		6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: <b>Santa Barbara County</b>	
3. PHONE NO.: EMAIL:		7. SUBJECT: <b>Vocational Rehabilitation Chapter 31 VA Income</b>	
4. REGULATION CITE(S): <b>MPP 63-502.142</b>		8. REFERENCES: <i>(Include ACL/ACIN, court cases, etc. in references)</i> <b>NOTE: All requests must have a regulation cite(s) and/or a reference(s).</b>	

## 9. QUESTION: (INCLUDE SCENARIO IF NEEDED FOR CLARITY):

A client is receiving income from Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation through the Veterans Affairs. The letter from the VA office states that the client is entitled to Chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Services and that the client has entered into a phase of the program where they will find a suitable and marketable goal for the individual.

How should this income be treated for CF budgeting purposes?

## 10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:

Per MPP 63-502.142 - Annuities, pensions, retirement, veteran's or disability benefits will be treated as unearned income; therefore income from Chapter 31 will be counted as unearned income in the CF budget.

## 11. STATE POLICY RESPONSE (CFPB USE ONLY):

CDSS concurs with the county's proposed answer that per state regulations at MPP 63-502.142, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Services will be considered unearned income for purposes of determining CalFresh eligibility

**FOR CDSS USE**

DATE RECEIVED:

**January 3, 2018**

DATE RESPONDED TO COUNTY/ALJ:

**January 4, 2018 (WEB)**